

re-appraised. Subsequently a modified report for an estimated cost of Rs. 67.40 crores envisaging benefits to an area of 27500 hectares has been received in June 1990. The State Government have been requested in October 1990 to furnish clarifications for deciding its acceptability for detailed examination. The clearance depends upon how soon the State Government complies with the observations and establishes techno-economic viability of the project.

[*Translation*]

Closure of Mica Mines in Bihar

2233. SHRI BHUVNESHVAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of mica mines in Bihar have been closed;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of workers rendered unemployed as a result thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to conduct any inquiry in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to reopen those mines and provide employment to the workers rendered unemployed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Land under Irrigation in Bihar

2234. SHRI BHUVNESHVAR PRASAD MEHTA:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of cultivable land in Bihar; and

(b) the percentage of this land brought under irrigation so far?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) The total cultivable area of Bihar is 11248 thousand hectares. The Gross area brought under irrigation facilities up to 1990-91 is 8,452 thousand hectares, which is 75.14% of the cultivable area.

[*English*]

Land Holdings

2235. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of land holdings of small and marginal farmers and the actual area cultivated by them in the country; and

(b) the estimated marketable surplus of foodgrains produced by the small and marginal farmers in the country and its percentage to the total marketable surplus of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) According to the results of Agricultural Census, 1985-86 the percentage of operational holdings of small and marginal farmers to the total number of operational holdings in the country is 18.4 and 57.8 respectively. The net cultivated area of small and marginal farmers in the country is 242.0 and 206.3 lakh hectares respectively.

(b) Information is not available.

S.T.D. facility in Andhra Pradesh

2236. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of towns having STD facility in Andhra Pradesh at present; and

(b) the number of towns for which such facility is proposed to be provided during next year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 117. Sir,

(b) 25 Sir, during 91-92.

Foodgrains Production

2237. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the actual demand and production of rice, wheat, jawar, cereals etc., at present in the country; and

(b) the quantum of rice and wheat exported and imported during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The effective demand as reflected by the net availability based on commodity flow approach of rice, wheat, coarse cereals and total cereals in the country during 1990* (latest available) was as under:—

<i>Crop</i>	<i>Net availability</i>	<i>(Million tonnes) Production</i>	
		<i>Gross</i>	<i>Net</i>
Rice	66.99	74.05	68.43
Wheat	39.07	49.65	43.64
Coarse Cereals	26.19	34.31	26.19
Total Cereals	132.25	158.01	138.26

(b) As per provisional figures issued by DGCI&S, exports and imports of wheat and rice during 1989-90 and 1990-91 have been as under:—

			<i>Quantity (in lakh tonnes)</i>	
			<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
Rice	— 1990-91		5.27	0.66
	— 1989-90		4.22	5.44
Wheat	— 1990-91		1.34	0.66
	— 1989-90		0.12	0.40

*corresponding production for this relates to the year 1989-90

[Translation]

Indian Territories under Occupation of Foreign Countries

2238. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the areas of the country which are under occupation of foreign countries-wise; and

(b) the effective steps taken by the Government to retrieve such areas during the last three years?